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STREIBERT TO QUIT INFORMATION POST

First of Eisenhower 'Team'
to Resign Before 2d Term
—Praised by President

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 8—Theodore C. Streibert, director of the United States Information Agency, became today the first high-level official to resign from the Eisenhower "team" in the pre-inaugural period.

Mr. Streibert, who held the position through most of the President's first term, cited "family responsibilities" that required his return to private life.

President Eisenhower, in a letter accepting the resignation, praised Mr. Streibert's work with the information service. He said that he had developed it into "a strong arm of our country in our struggle for world freedom."

There was no word from the White House about a successor. Nor was there a hint of what changes the President might make in his first-term "team" at the Cabinet level.

Mr. Streibert's resignation will become effective next Thursday.

It is political practice for all Cabinet members to offer their resignations to a President beginning his second term. This gives him the opportunity to remake his Administration.

General Eisenhower's philosophy of the second term is not known—that is, whether he sees it as an extension of the first with essentially the same men in the top posts, or whether he regards it as a time for fresh personalities and fresh ideas.

Speculations on Cabinet

Speculation about Cabinet men who might not continue in the second term has centered about Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense, and John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State.

Mr. Wilson has been talking lately like a man yearning for the quieter life beyond the Pentagon. Mr. Dulles recently underwent a serious abdominal operation.

Walter Bedell Smith, who served as Under Secretary of State in the early part of the term, visited the White House today.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, who was in on the discussion, said that Mr. Smith had not been asked to return to a job in the State Department.

Mr. Streibert took over the information agency at one of its darkest moments. Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, had just completed his search for subversives on its payroll and subversion in its libraries.

Mr. Streibert's letter of resignation asserted that the agency had "now become firmly established on a sound basis, with high morale both in the field and in Washington."

"A high degree of confidence has been created in its operations," he said.

Mr. Streibert was formerly president of radio station WOR in New York and chairman of the board of the Mutual Broadcasting System. He was nominated for the information post July 30, 1953.